

An Engrossed Bill to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts to hold extra terms;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

An Engrossed Bill in relation to Evidence;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird and Kilcrease—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to incorporate the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

Was read, the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Eppes moved that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for appeals to the Circuit Courts of this State from orders or decisions of the respective Boards of County Commissioners of this State, and that said Committee report by bill or otherwise;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The decision of the Senate, in relation to the contested Election from the 12th Senatorial District, was transmitted to his Excellency the Governor.

The following bills and resolution which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House, viz:

House bill to be entitled, An Act to restore the force and operation of the general laws of this State, in relation to the migration of free persons of color into this State;

House bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Jackson Lee, of Hamilton County, to assume the management of his own estate;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to legitimatize Lucinda Read, and to make her the heir at law, of William M. Read, of the County of Hamilton, Florida;

A bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to Evidence;

A bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of John B. Anderson;

A bill to be entitled, An Act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts, to hold extra terms;

A bill to establish a Ferry at Brown's Ferry, in Jackson County;

A bill to be entitled, An Act to prevent fraudulent voting;

A bill to be entitled, An Act amendatory of the several acts, in relation to the migration of free persons of color, into the Port of Key West;

A bill to consolidate the office of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector, of Jackson County;

Resolution in relation to payment of the Board of Internal Improvements;

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Hawes introduced a bill to be entitled, An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

Which bill was placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Long, a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Quincy and Tallahassee Plank Road Company, was taken from the table, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

The President presented a memorial from the citizens of Hillsborough County in regard to the License Tax on Retailers of Spirituous Liquors;

Which was read, and on motion, laid upon the table.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following Report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have instructed the undersigned to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act to create a fifth Judicial Circuit;

An act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the Engrossed Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following Report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An act in relation to slaves and free persons of color," have had the same under consideration. The Committee fully approve of the object of the bill, as necessary to the proper subordination of that class of our population; but as the bill referred appears to have

been rather hastily and inartificially drafted, the Committee have instructed the undersigned to recommend that said bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the three sections herewith submitted, in lieu thereof. This amendment embodies all the objects of the author of the bill, with several verbal amendments, more clearly expressive of that object. When so amended, the Committee recommend the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Com.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the bill entitled An act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz, through their Chairman, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined said case, and find that some time in the year 1849, Dr. Hentz was called upon by the Coroner of Jackson County, to be present at the disinterment of E. B. Jourdan, who had been killed and buried. It appearing to us that nothing was done by him, professionally, the corpse being in a too putrid state for examination, but as he was summoned to the place by the Coroner and attended, the Committee are of opinion that he should be entitled to a fair remuneration, and, therefore, recommend the bill should pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the words "audit and allow Dr. C. A. Hentz," and insert in lieu thereof the following: Twenty-five dollars for his attendance on the Coroner's inquest at an examination held on the body of E. B. Jourdan, in the year 1849.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. SMITH,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The House has refused to adopt the Joint Rules reported by the Joint Select Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting the same, and Messrs. Dell, Shine and Dewitt have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of drafting and re-

porting Joint Rules for the regulation of the action of the two houses of the General Assembly during the present session.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk Ho. Reps.

Which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Long the following Committee was appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of drafting Joint Rules for the Government of the two Houses, viz: Messrs. Long, Eppes and Brinson.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1854. }

Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—The following Bills and Resolution have passed the House, viz:

Bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Algernon S. Speer and Arthur Ginn;

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel A. Leonard to build a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize Stephen C. Gonzalez to build a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

Bill to be entitled An act to authorize James M. Cockroff to erect a Toll Bridge across East River, in the County of Walton, at or near Cockroffs Ferry, on said River;

Resolution asking that Picolata be made a Port of Delivery.

Very Respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying House Bill and Resolution placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY,

A Bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act to amend the several acts concerning Licences to retail Spirituous Liquors, approved January 8, 1853;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to the Mayor's Court of the City of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend the third and eighth sections of the 6th article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three several times as of the first day, and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A Bill to be entitled An act to amend an act in relation to the service necessary to be given by Sheriffs and other officers;

Was read the second time, when on motion of Mr. Myrick, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to be entitled An act to enforce the laws against violations of the Sabbath day, in Monroe County;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

An engrossed bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Quincy Plank Road Company;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

An engrossed bill to be entitled An act to create a fifth Judicial Circuit;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives;

An engrossed bill to be entitled An act governing Judges of Probates in certain cases:

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution declaring Picolata a Port of Delivery;

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Tracy the rule was waived, the resolution read a second and third time, and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize James M. Cockroft to erect a Toll Bridge across East River, in the County of Walton, at or near Cockroft's Ferry, on said River;

Was read a first time, when on motion of Mr. Gillis, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—15.

Nays—Mr. Kilcrease—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Stephen C. Gonzalez, to build a Wharf in the city of Pensacola;

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Wynn, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Samuel A. Leonard, to build a Wharf in the city of Pensacola.

Was read a first time, when a motion of Mr. Wynn, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Kilcrease, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled, An Act for the relief of Dr. Algernon S. Speer, and Arthur Ginn;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to slaves and free persons of color;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Filor allowed without previous notice to introduced a bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges of this State;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 14, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A communication was sent to the House of Representatives informing them that the Senate had appointed a Committee, to act with a similar Committee from the House, to draft Joint Rules for the government of both Houses of the General Assembly.

An Act to empower John Richard Bradford to assume the management of his own estate, was sent for approval, to his Excellency the Governor.

The following Bills and Resolution which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A bill to be entitled, An act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled, An act to create a Fifth Judicial Circuit;

A bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Tallahassee and Quincy Plank Road Company;

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize James M. Cockroff to erect a Toll Bridge across East River, in the County of Walton, at or near Cockroff's Ferry, on said River;

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Samuel A. Leonard to build a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

House bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Stephen C. Gonzalez to build a Wharf in the City of Pensacola;

House Resolution asking that Picolata be made a Port of Delivery.

Mr. Smith gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a Bill to be entitled An act for the amendment of the Laws in relation to the Statute of Limitations in personal actions.

Mr. Gillis moved that a copy of each of the Newspapers printed in Tallahassee, be furnished each member of the Senate;

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, a bill to allow Spirituous Liquors to

be drank where sold, was taken from the table, and placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Smith presented the memorial from the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, in relation to the building of a Court House;

Which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

Mr. Bird presented several memorials of the citizens of Jefferson County, in regard to retailing Spirituous Liquors;

Which were read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Revenue.

The following communication was received from C. H. Austin, State Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, December 13, 1854. }

To the Hon. President of the Senate:

SIR:—Accompanying, herewith, I send a map of the United States, received from the late Comptroller, who says it was purchased for the Senate Chamber.

I am very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer.

Which was read.

Mr. Filor from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report as correctly engrossed, the following bills:

A Bill to be entitled An act to authorize the drainage of the Alachua Savannah;

A Bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Palatka and Micanopy Plank Road Company;

A Bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act amendatory of an act to establish a Mayor's Court in the City of Apalachicola;

A Bill to be entitled An act to enforce the Laws against the violations of the Sabbath day, in Monroe County.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. FILOR,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Hopkins from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill, entitled An act for the relief of Henry Christy and Theophilus Higginbotham, have had the same under consideration;